nationalised bank a representative of the General Insurance Corporation and a Government nominee.

Establishment of a Statutory Body to Regulate the Standard of Para-Medical Courses

1834. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that at present there is no statutory body at the central level to regulate the standard of paramedical courses;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government propose to establish such body within a time frame; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, and, if not, the reasons there for?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) to (d) It has been decided to constitute an Omnibus Council to regulate the standard of paramedical courses for following categories of para-medical workers:

(1) Medical Lab. Technicians.

(2) Radiology Technicians or Diognostic Imaging Technicians.

(3) Radiotherapy and Radioisotope Technicians.

(4) Clinical Technicians

(5) Operation Theatre Assistants and Resusciation Technicians.

(6) Orthopaedics and Prosthetic Technicians.

(7) Opthalmic Technicians.

(8) Physiotherapists and Occupations Therapists. Work in this regard has been initiated.

Decision Regarding Fifth Pay Commission Report

1835. SHRI PARAG CHALIHA:
PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA:
SHRI SHIV CHARAN SINGH:
SHRI RAM NATH KOVIND:
DR. RANBIR SINGH:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Fifth Centra! Pay Commission was to submit its report by the end of September, 1996;

(b) whether it has failed to do so;

(c) by what time Pay Commission is now expected to submit its report; and

(d) how much time will Government take to take final decision for implementing its recommendations after the submission of the report by the Fifth Pay Commission?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) In accordance with the terms of reference the Fifth Pay Commission is required to submit its report as soon as feasible. The Commission has informed that their final Report will be submitted soon.

(d) The Government will process the recomendations of the' Pay Commision as expeditiously as possible.

Income Tax Payees in Four Metro Cities

1836. SHRI BRATIN SENGUPTA:
SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of income-tax payees living in Delhi, Mumbai, Calcutta and Chennai; and

(b) their percentage to total population in the above cities?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) The total number of income-tax payers